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**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 18-93 will be pending in this application. Applicant has amended Claims 18, 29, 40-43, 47, 50, 53, 56, 58-64, 66, 68, and 69. Applicant presents new claims 70-93 for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant submits herewith an information disclosure statement and associated Form SB0008B. The Examiner will note that the Duerst reference dated December 1996 contained in the IDS is an earlier version of the two Duerst references dated July 1997 and 1998, which are already of record.

**THE PENDING CLAIMS ARE  
PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART**

For at least the following reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over CIR and the other art of record.

Unlike the art of record, amended Claim 18 is directed to a method for producing a domain name. The domain name resides in an existing hierarchy depending from a root commonly known as a "dot" root. The domain name includes only symbols from a set of allowed symbols. The method comprises the steps of obtaining a noncompliant domain name, wherein the noncompliant domain name includes at least one symbol that is not included in the set of allowed symbols and converting the noncompliant domain name into a format that includes only symbols from the set of allowed symbols. The method

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also include the step of “(c) automatically appending a string to the converted noncompliant domain name to produce the domain name, wherein the string includes information for resolving the domain name, wherein the domain name resides under the dot root and wherein steps (a)-(c) are performed by a user device.”

Applicant submits that CIR and the other art of record fail to teach or suggest such a step. Applicant therefore submits that Claim 18 is patentable over CIR and the other art of record.

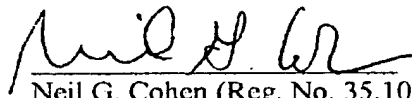
Claims 19-28, which depend from Claim 18, are also patentable for the same reasons as Claim 18, and because they necessarily include additional limitations. Each of the remaining independent claims 29, 40, 43, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62, 66, 70, 72, 78, and 82, include a recitation that is substantially similar to step (c) of Claim 18. Applicant, therefore, submits that these independent claims (as well as the claims depending therefrom) are patentable for the same reasons as Claim 18.

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For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are patentable over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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